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Re: *Ex Parte* Letter Comment filed by Winstar through
their Attorneys (Keller & Heckman) dated
May 10, 2000

Dear Ms. Salas:

This *ex parte* filing is submitted on behalf of the Fixed Wireless Communications Coalition (FWCC).¹

On May 10, 2000, Winstar Communications, Inc. ("Winstar") through its attorneys filed an *ex parte* letter in response to *ex parte* letters filed with your office by the Teledesic Corporation ("Teledesic") during the April 25-27, 2000, time frame and on May 1, 2000. The first set of Teledesic letters were filed with Legal Assistants of the Chairman and Commissioners. The second set of Teledesic letters were filed directly with the Chairman and Commissioners.

¹The FWCC is a coalition of equipment manufacturers and users interested in terrestrial fixed microwave communications. Its membership includes manufacturers of microwave equipment, licensees of terrestrial fixed microwave systems and their associations, and communication service providers and their associations. Its membership also includes railroads, public utilities, petroleum and pipeline entities, public safety agencies, the broadcast industry and their respective associations, telecommunications carriers, landline and wireless, local, and interexchange carriers, and others. A list of members is attached as Appendix A.

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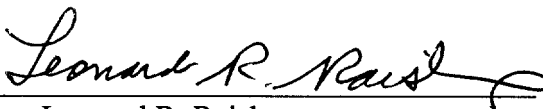
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The FWCC has actively participated in IB Docket No. 98-172 through a number of *ex parte* presentations of its own at the Commission. Because of implications for the terrestrial fixed services, several FWCC members have also participated additionally on their own in studies and activities related to Docket No. 98-172. For these reasons, the May 10, 2000, filing by Winstar is applauded and supported by the FWCC.

The Commission is urged to take into account and be guided by the aforementioned *ex parte* letter field by Winstar through its attorneys on May 10, 2000, as it deliberates a decision in IB Docket No. 98-172.

Respectfully submitted,

FIXED WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS COALITION

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FIXED WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS COALITION

The Fixed Wireless Communications Coalition was formed by terrestrial fixed microwave users and suppliers to assure that adequate spectrum resources are available for current and future terrestrial fixed microwave communications. Such action is necessary because spectrum allocation and re-allocation actions currently under consideration at the FCC require fixed microwave interests to speak with a common voice. Additionally, the Coalition works for a regulatory climate both at the FCC and the ITU that permits the manufacture, operation, and use of terrestrial fixed microwave systems.

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